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JOBLESS LOSE RAINY DAY PAY IN NEW POLICY

MEDICAL AID TO JOBLESS
TO BE DISCONTINUED
IN NEW SCHEME

Vandeleur Plan GENERAL STRIKE KNIFER FIGHTS UNEMPLOYED UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Edward Vandeleur, president of the State Federation of Labor and of the Central Labor Council here, last night declared that SERA workers would be left to starve if it rained for a whole week, since there would be no more pay for rainy days.

Another revelation by Vandeleur, who is also one of the leading lights on the Citizens' Relief Committee, was that the Associated Charities would discontinue its Central Medical Bureau, and thus leave unemployed workers without any medical aid.

The announcement of the adoption of these cynical policies by the federal and city authorities was made by Vandeleur at a meeting of the executive board of the Central Labor Council.

The issues were brought out when the executive board, as a point on the agenda referred to it by last week's meeting of the Labor Council, gave reasons why the resolution presented by the Public Works and Unemployed Union could not be considered by the council.

* Wire To Hopkins.

A telegram has been sent to Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins at Washington, signed by both Vandeleur and O'Connell, secretary of the Labor Council. This wire, it was learned, contained the request that the rescinding of the order allowing pay for rainy days, temporarily won by strike action, be reconsidered. Vandeleur and O'Connell fear the organized, militant action of the SERA workers, under the leadership of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, against this starvation policy, and its effect on the rest of organized labor.

The discontinuance of the medical bureau comes at a time when all capitalist newspapers are ballyhooing the news that the Community Chest drive is going over the top. The Associated Charities, of which the medical bureau is a part, is supposed to be one of the chief recipients of Community Chest funds.

* P.W.U.U. Kept Out.

Delegates representing the P. W. U. U. were not allowed to be present at the Labor Council executive board meeting. But after the meeting Vandeleur, in a hypocritical gesture of friendliness, shook hands with one of the delegates as he passed by on the street, and said, "We're all with you," the Western Worker reporter learned at the P. W. U. U. office.

Inside the meeting, Vandeleur had almost grown apoplectic (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

PHOENIX TRIALS ON RIOT FRAME- UP UNDER WAY

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 24.—Enlivening otherwise tedious proceedings, René L. Jennings, Maricopa county attorney and technocrat—ordered into court yesterday by Superior Judge Howard C. Speakman—stood pat on his previous refusal to prosecute or assist in prosecuting 28 workers charged with "riot" in connection with a disturbance at Federal Emergency Relief Administration offices here last September 6th. The "riot" was provoked by police officers, sheriff's deputies and ERA thugs, incited by direct orders to break the strike of relief workers "at all costs" which were issued by fascist Governor B. B. Moore.

Proceedings in the trial of Clay Neff moved so slowly yesterday that only a half dozen prospective jurors had been questioned by prosecution and defense when court adjourned. Neff was Communist candidate for governor at the recent general election and is the first of 28 workers facing trial on the frame-up charge of "riot."

* Brought Into Court

Selection of a jury in the Neff case was about to begin, and Arthur T. LaPrade, attorney general, and his assistant Cecil Edwards, had appeared for the prosecution, when Judge Speakman sent a court bailiff to bring Jennings into court.

The bailiff met Jennings as the (Continued on p. 2, col. 1.)

3000 Lettuce Strikers Win Back Pay Cut

Cut To 25c An Hour Rescinded As Unions
Tie Up All Fields Throughout Valley

JUDGE LEMMON REFUSES DROP C. S. "TRIALS"

JURY BEING PICKED IN
SACRAMENTO FRAME-UPS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 26.—The case of the "people" of California vs. the eighteen Criminal Syndicalism defendants got under way today.

A courtroom packed with workers heard District Attorney Allister's motion for a dismissal of four counts against Bigham granted, while Gallagher's demand that these four counts be dismissed against all the defendants because the indicting evidence was the same, denied.

On the witness stand, McAllister admitted there was no difference in the evidence against Bigham and the evidence against the seventeen others, but because Bigham, indicted later, was entitled to a separate trial, he wanted the counts dismissed for "convenience sake."

The long and tedious work of selecting a prejudice-free jury in the propaganda-riddled county, was slowed by McAllister's objection to every question the defendants asked the prospective jurors. "Incompetent, immaterial and irrelevant," according to him, were questions like, "Are you a member of the American Legion?" "Are you a constant reader of the Sacramento Bee (the worst red-baiting newspaper in Northern California)?" "Do you work for or have an interest in the P. G. & E., the Growers' or Industrial Associations, or any other group that is backing this prosecution?" "Do you belong to the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Catholic church or any organization which has passed resolutions against the Communists," the use of the word "oppression," etc.

The question, "Do you believe in the right to defend the constitutional guarantees of free speech and assembly and press?" was held "improper" because "restrictions have been placed upon such rights by the Criminal Syndicalism law."

Twice McAllister was forced to a hasty rereading of his indictment. He had "forgotten" it mentioned picketing and fight against imperialist war as crimes, and objected to questions regarding them as "having nothing to do with the case."

Albert Hougardy, Martin Wilson and Caroline Decker are defending themselves. The other fifteen defendants are represented by Leo Gallagher, although Nora Conklin, Pat Chambers and Jack Warnick are defending themselves with the right to surrender their defense to Gallagher whenever they wish.

25,000 JOBLESS MARCH IN BIG CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Showing the way to the rest of the country, a united front of Communists, Socialists, A. F. of L. members, and other workers, 25,000 strong, paraded yesterday in a gigantic demonstration demanding the sweeping relief cuts put into effect Nov. 1 be rescinded.

Further demands raised by the marchers were increased relief, winter clothing, jobs at trade union wages and unemployment insurance.

From two mobilization points—Union Park and Wentworth St.—the marchers united their columns in the Loop, paraded past the City Hall and on through the heart of the city to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission.

At the Hotel Congress where Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins was meeting with the Congress of Mayors, they marched, shouting their demands, while inside this assortment of fatboys grew silent, temporarily halting their scheming of how to cut relief still further.

The elected committee which

SOVIET CHINA'S ARMY ADVANCES ALONG 3 FRONTS

THREATEN CAPTURE CITY
OF WUCHOW; CANTON
ADMITS

Canton Seeks Loan

SOVIET ARMY CONCENTRATION TOWARD MOUNTAINOUS SZECHUAN

CANTON, China, Nov. 29.—The victorious Chinese Red Army, heroic defender of Soviet China, this week scored a series of smashing victories and made unprecedented advances on three separate sectors which, when consolidated, may serve to unite most of Southern China under the Red Banner.

Latest reports from Canton say the Red forces, advancing on a 200-mile front in Kwangsi Province, are threatening momentarily to capture the city of Wuchow. Already this week, the army of the Workers' and Farmers' Soviet Government of China, marching in two columns toward Szechuan Province from Hunan Province, was reported at Hungming in its westward march while the second column reached Chuanchow in Kwangsi Province.

* Stronghold Retained.

It also has been reported that the Soviets in Fukien Province have retained the stronghold at Hweichang, creating ever-increasing difficulties for the Chiang Karshek forces.

The Soviet victories during the last few weeks have more and more menaced the Cantonese forces under General Chen Tai, imperialist war lord. The general has announced efforts are being made by him to get a loan of \$10,000,000 from the British Dutch Shell or the Standard Oil Company, in order to carry on the war against the Red Army.

The Red Army is concentrating its forces toward Szechuan Province, a mountainous country and practically impregnable. It has been reported that Hsiao Keh and Lo Lung, both in command of crack Communist forces, already have succeeded in joining hands over a considerable section of the territory close to this province on the South. The imperialists of the North, including Chiang Karshek, consider this move as a national problem and a "menace" to all they stand for on the side of the imperialist nations.

* U. S. Gunboat Ready.

The United States gunboat Min-danah, a China patrol, has been ordered to proceed up the river to Wuchow.

The Chinese Red Army is fighting one of the most heroic struggles in history and is backed by the millions of farmers and workers of interior China who themselves compose the fighting forces. Efforts of Chiang Karshek to crush the revolution which rapidly is spreading across the country, have proved increasingly fruitless.

The capitalist newspapers, unable for long to hide the truth, even now grudgingly admit the victories but also make it a point to speak of reported thousands of Communist slaughter and attempt to hide the significance of the advance of the Soviets.

Attempted Frame-up And Bail Theft In East Bay Defeated

EMERYVILLE, Cal., Nov. 26.—Steve Connors and S. W. Johnson were acquitted of frame-up charges by Superior Judge Fred V. Wood last Tuesday, when it was obvious the frameup was too raw to hold up. These workers were arrested for distributing handbills during the longshore strike. A jury dismissed the handbill charges but convicted them of having attempted to intimidate, threaten and coerce workers in an industrial plant. The case was appealed, and Judge Wood was forced to admit that there was not the slightest basis for such a charge.

On the day they were originally sentenced, although these workers appeared in court, they failed to officially deliver themselves into custody. Judge Kennon took advantage of their ignorance of the fine points of the law and confiscated \$200 of the bail. Judge Wood's reversal of the decision has forced Kennon to return this money.

Connors and Johnson were distributing copies of the "Pabco Fighter," shop bulletin of the Paraline Co. of Emeryville.

COMPANY LOCKS OUT L. A. CAR STRIKERS AS UNION HEADS PARLEY

"No Scab Cars Shall Run!"



Crowd of strikers and sympathetic workers on downtown Broadway halt streetcar, tying up all traffic for more than an hour. The crowd of thousands was only finally dispersed with a police tear gas attack. In other parts of the city, streetcars have been overturned.

GOLD STAR SCHEME IS AIMED TO CURB JOBLESS STRUGGLE

BALLYHOO NEW VERSION
OF OLD STAGGER
SYSTEM

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The latest "plan" to solve unemployment relief arrived in San Francisco with the return of Mayor Rossi from the National Conference of Mayors at Chicago. This is called the "gold star" plan. Gold Stars up to the present writing have indicated that the wearer is a mother or close relative of one of the "honored dead" who lost their lives in the "war to end wars." But strangely enough this "gold star plan" has nothing to do with the victims of the late imperialist slaughter for the profits of international bankers. This plan is aimed to create more jobs. How?

"It is calculated that throughout the country one man out of eight is unemployed. The problem therefore is simple. Each employer employing eight men takes on an extra man and everyone who wants to work has a job." Thus spoke Mayor Rossi in outlining the plan, and among other features added: "Each employer who fills up his quota is given a 'Gold Star' banner with a star for each man taken on." How is this "simple" problem to be solved?

* Ballyhoo Drive.

First a survey of all industry (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

Admiral Pledges Aid To Break L.A. Strike

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—Speaking at a time when Los Angeles street car workers are out on strike for a decent wage standard, and a strike decision of the P. E. workers is pending, Admiral Reeves, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, with one eye on the Chamber of Commerce and the other on the strikers, pledged local security and cooperation at the annual Admiral's dinner, given by the Chamber of Commerce.

While the admiral got down to cases, Will Rogers performed his customary task of court jester for the business rulers of Los Angeles.

"We stand ready in any local emergency to help you should such an emergency arise," declared Admiral Reeves. Lest his listeners might think that he referred to emergencies classified as "acts of God"—earthquakes, etc.—Reeves continued, "the men of the fleet will loyally and effectively be with you to help stamp it out." No one ever heard of an earthquake being "stamped out."

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'Epic' Workers Urged to Be At Meeting Friday

Friday, Dec. 30., at 8 p.m., workers who supported the Epic plan in the elections, and all others, are urged to be present at an election "stock-taking" to be held at Equality Hall, 141 Albion St.

The issues of the campaign will be reviewed at a discussion which will be conducted mainly from the floor by workers, with the object of answering the burning question: "What Next?"

The purpose of the meeting is to see what steps can be taken by all workers who are opposed to the reactionary Merriam machine, no matter what their political beliefs, to defend their every day interests.

Following the discussion

from the floor, Sam Darcy, Communist candidate for Governor in the late elections, will sum up.

Leaflets Barred

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—An ordinance adopted by the City Council makes it illegal to distribute handbills without the written consent of the property owners. This is clearly a fascist measure aimed against workers leaflets and handbills.

VET OFFERING AID TO STRIKERS IS BEATEN BY THUGS IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—Comrade Quinn, member of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, was brutally attacked by thugs today in the corridors of the Labor Temple, outside the strike meeting of street car men.

"Let's get this —" shouted one of the thugs, coming at Quinn. Using brass-knuckles, the thugs unmercifully beat Quinn about the head, ribs and spine. When they had beaten him into unconsciousness they dragged him downstairs to the main floor.

Workers there, in answer to inquiries, got the curt rejoinder from the thugs that Quinn was "a Communist."

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COP'S WIFE USED BY LIEBOWITZ TO DISRUPT DEFENSE

SCOTTSBORO MOTHER RE-
PUDIATES ATTACK
ON I. L. D.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Continuing his vicious attempt to disrupt the defense of the Scottsboro Negro boys, Samuel Liebowitz planned one of the rottenest tricks yet used, when the wife of a Negro policeman Saturday night broadcast an appeal to support Liebowitz's "committee." This policeman's wife was representing herself as Mrs. Janie Patterson, mother of Haywood Patterson, in the broadcast!

Indignantly denying that Mother Patterson was guilty of such treachery, Mother Wright, mother of two of the boys, hurried to the offices of the International Labor Defense which is handling the boys' defense at their own request. She had just returned from the South where she had talked with Mother Patterson and heard her denial that she had been anywhere within miles of a radio station at that time.

"That was the wife of a Harlem Negro policeman," she declared angrily, "and they introduced her as Mother Patterson. Why, she has never repudiated (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

the picket line for the first time to join the strikers and supply them with hot lunches.

The attack was obviously prompted by fear on the part of the railway company that such unity between the strikers and other sympathetic workers' organizations would strengthen the strike to the point where it cannot be defeated. Previously, several organizations have offered to join the strikers in mass picketing, which offers, to date, have not been accepted by union officials.

Quinn was taken by fellow-workers of the food committee to a nearby hotel. From there he was removed to the General Hospital. His condition is believed critical. His false teeth were broken and the inside of his mouth was badly cut. He sustained head wounds and one arm is believed to be broken. He also may have internal injuries.

This system is expected to be put into effect city by city throughout the state, and workers are organizing to put up a fight against it.

7 MORE JAILED AS MILITANTS PICKET IN L. A.

UNION OFFICIALS AWAIT
ARRIVAL OF DONAGHUE;
RAISE RED SCARE

BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Seven more workers were arrested yesterday on the strike picket lines as the struggle entered its fifth day. Trying to raise the "red scare" as a means of splitting the ranks, the police charged these were "radicals" who had no sanction of the "leaders." These "leaders" are anxiously awaiting scheduled arrival today of F. A. Donaghue, Coast Regional Labor Supervisor, who is coming to act as "mediator."

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—All efforts to stop the strike against the Los Angeles Railway have failed and the strikers continue to put up a militant fight against scabbing and attempts at terrorism on the part of the police and hired thugs.

At a conference in Mayor Shaw's office Tuesday an attempt by fakers, railway officials and city officials to terminate the strike failed when no agreement could be reached. Officials of the Los Angeles Railway declared that they would not restate the strikers during a truce period in which arbitration would take place. This means that the strikers are locked out.

The Railroad Brotherhood Unity Movement, the rank and file organization of members of railway unions, is trying to bring the P. E. men out together with the Los Angeles Railway men. Both organizations have voted to strike, but through efforts of their leaders the P. E. strike has been stalled off, which reduces the chances of a successful strike by either one. Pointing to the example of the San Francisco longshoremen, who went on strike over the heads of the mediators and consequently won their demands, the rank and file members of the rank and file members of the Labor Board, again entering the dispute, named a committee of nine to represent the public, labor and industry in negotiations. Nylander proposes to again bring up the issue of a truce with reinstatement of the strikers.

* Militancy Grows.

Meantime, despite the oft-repeated pronouncements by international union officials that the men were to be gentler and picketed peacefully, repeated militancy (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

SERA Slashes Pay of Ranch Workers In Imperial Valley

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 27.—Attempts to cut down the pay of agricultural workers in the Imperial Valley have now been given federal aid with the issuance of an SERA order that all workers who refuse to work for the growers for a "reasonable" offer will be summarily cut off.

The reasonable offer is 25 cents an hour, and had this order not been put through the ranchers were expecting to be forced to pay a minimum of 45 cents an hour. The SERA order cuts effects almost a 100 per cent cut for them.

Not only are the men expected to work for this wage but no provision is made for their transportation for the long distances to and from work, even when the workers have to pay that themselves out of their meagre earnings. This is a concrete carrying out in practice of Hopkins' recent statement that SERA pay from now on will not exceed that paid on other jobs in the vicinity.

Growers are coming direct to the SERA offices to get the men, who are forced to accept the work because refusal means they will be cut off the SERA at once.

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Angelo Herndon Exposes Scottsboro Frame-Up In San Francisco Meeting

East of the Rockies

Soviet Union Abolishes Rationing System

MOSCOW, Nov. 27.—Because of the bountiful grain crop, achieved in spite of the drought, the Soviet government has begun to abolish bread ration cards. This has been done in 175 towns already, and it is expected by the first of January they will be universally abolished.

Under the ration card system every worker could buy a certain amount at fixed low prices, and if he wanted any more he had to buy in the open market at higher prices. This move allows him to buy all his bread at the lower prices formerly prevailing only in closed markets.

Nazis Curb Study Abroad

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—Foreign study has been made virtually impossible for German students as a result of regulations forbidding the exchange of currency for that purpose. This is in line with Nazi policy of isolating its citizens from contact with any foreign country where they might come under the influence of non-fascist ideas. At the same time, as a result of Nazi terrorism, the number of foreign students in German universities decreased in two years from 4,403 to 2,962.

Brazil Places Large Arms Order

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 27.—The Brazilian government has placed a large order for heavy cannon with a local Swedish munitions plant. Brazil is also trying to make a deal with British concerns whereby she will exchange cotton and coffee for British ships.

Raid Greek Communist Offices

ATHENS, Nov. 27.—The police have raided the Communist headquarters here in an effort to prevent Greek workers from striking. A scheduled meeting of transportation, bakery and construction workers who were planning a 24-hour general strike has been forbidden.

Germans Seize British Papers

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—Several issues of the London Daily Telegraph and News-Chronicle were confiscated here because of reports they printed concerning the situation in Germany, in particular on the army's relations with the government. Other papers confiscated recently include the Figaro of Paris and the Basle Nachrichten.

French Textile Workers Strike

ROSEN, France, Nov. 27.—More than 7,000 textile workers here have gone on strike against wage cuts, and the strike is spreading to adjoining towns. The severe economic depression in France has led to repeated wage cuts and part-time work, cutting the standard of living to the near-starvation level.

Nazi Labor Paper Quits

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The Nazi so-called labor paper, Die Deutsche, will cease publication January 1. Put out to deceive labor into thinking the Nazis were serving their interests, it has been boycotted so completely by the workers that its circulation was negligible. Its fate has been shared by many other German papers, which as a result of the Nazi censorship have discovered that the people are unwilling to read the rot the government thinks fit for them.

ARIZONA TRIALS S.E.R.A. PROTEST

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county attorney was leaving an elevator to enter his office on the fourth floor, and advised him he was wanted in Speakerman's court. Jennings later said he supposed he was being taken into court as a witness.

Turning to Jennings as the county attorney entered the court room, Judge Speakerman asked, "Is the state ready?"

"I don't know anything about it," replied Jennings.

"Are you the county attorney, or not?" "Yes, sir."

"Do I understand the county attorney refuses to prosecute this case?" the judge asked.

Jennings asked the court to associate the attorney general in the prosecution and then left the court.

* Jurors Challenged

Thomas J. Croaff of Phoenix, former president of the Arizona State Federation of Labor, and Grover Johnson of Los Angeles, attorney for the International Labor Defense, form the defense counsel for the 28 workers.

They questioned at length each prospective juror, especially on whether each was opposed to strikes, had ever participated in one, whether each would be prejudiced because Naff was a member of the Communist Party, and whether each had read newspaper articles and editorials concerning the FERA strike.

As Croaff continued to question prospective jurors on strikes, Judge Speakerman interrupted, reminding him that the charge was "riot" and that striking was not an offense as long as it was not a breach of the peace in which force or violence is used.

"But, your honor, this fight was provoked, and the workers attacked, and because they fought back, they are charged with riot," retorted Croaff.

* "Started by Strike"

"As I understand it, he indicates the defendants participated in a riot, but excuses it by saying it was self-defense," interposed LaPrade.

"No, we are not saying there was any riot there," shot back Croaff, "but if there was, you people started it."

Taking testimony in Naff's case, it is expected to get under way within the next several days.

Rush protests to Governor Moore, Attorney General LaPrade, and to Judge Howard C. Speakerman, Division Number 3 Superior Court, all in Phoenix, Arizona.

Relief Workers In

Modesto On Strike

MODESTO, Calif., Nov. 27.—Thirty-nine out of fifty relief workers struck here Saturday in the Stanislaus County wood yard work relief project and are still out. The strike is in protest against a speed-up instituted by the county welfare board by changing from straight time to piece work.

CAPACITY CROWD HEARS HERNDON IN S. F. MEETING

Negro Leader Speaks In L. A. Church Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—With the Mission Turner Hall packed to capacity and all standing room taken, a large and enthusiastic crowd heard Angelo Herndon speak here last night.

Introduced by John Pitman, editor of the "Spokesman," a Negro newspaper, Angelo Herndon took the platform amid cheers and applause which brought the audience to its feet in honor of this young Negro working class leader.

Outlining the details of his own frame-up and imprisonment, Herndon spoke in glowing terms of the campaign carried on for him by the International Labor Defense which resulted in his being freed on \$15,000 bail. In detailed account he told of what mass pressure from the outside means to prisoners who are languishing behind the bars of boss-controlled jails. The thousands of telegrams arriving at the jail demanding the freedom of Herndon had such an effect that many times Angelo was called out to be told by the jailer that he should do something to stop this avalanche of telegrams.

* Attacks Leibowitz.

The greater part of Herndon's speech was taken up in outlining the frame-up of the Scottsboro case and the latest developments in the defense to free these nine boys. Stressing the necessity of the struggle waged for their freedom being a joint movement of black and white workers standing shoulder to shoulder, Herndon attacked the recent actions of some of the Negro misleaders who have assisted opportunists such as Leibowitz in trying to separate the activity of black workers from white workers.

The Y. C. L. members in their uniforms acted as guard of honor at the meeting.

* Speaks In L. A. Dec. 2.

Continuing his western tour to free the Scottsboro boys, Angelo Herndon will speak at the Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Ave., in Los Angeles, Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m., one of the largest churches in the city with a seating capacity of 1,500.

The week of November 23rd to December 2nd, known as "Scottsboro Week," so far saw meetings held every day throughout Los Angeles.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the following street meetings will take place:

7:30 p.m.—Central and 43rd St. 7:50 p.m.—Central and 49th St. 8:10 p.m.—54th and Broadway. 8:35 p.m.—78th and Central. 9 p.m.—Broadway and Manchester.

Costly Marin Air Base Found Unfit

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Nov. 30.—After spending millions of dollars of workers' money to build a gigantic air base in Marin county, the government's inspectors have declared the base unfit for use.

Officials say the field is below sea level at high tide and that landing conditions are dangerous.

Meanwhile, grafting contractors, in cahoots with government employees on the job, probably feasted luxuriously. That is the giving day, on the money appropriated to build the base and originally wrung from the exploited workers.

Who will believe that expert American engineers, supposed to be the most technically advanced in the world, had no way of determining beforehand, the field would be a swamp at every high tide?

GOLD STAR Scheme

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is made. That would employ a few investigators. Then each employer would be given his quota of reemployment. The ballyhoo with which this campaign would be launched would resemble the Liberty Loan drives. The slogan would not be the NRA "We do our part," but "We have employed our quota."

There is no publicity about present wages being cut to enable such "willing" employers to employ more men. It is certain the big industrialists are not willing to cut off such big slices of profits necessary for employing the millions now unemployed.

There is no mention of the fact that this is but the old stagger, "spread-the-misery" plan under a fancy name.

Mavor Rossi states in no uncertain terms that these measures are needed in order to transfer the huge burden of unemployment relief from the federal government to private industry. He says: "We must win this victory before Uncle Sam goes broke."

SCOTTSBORO

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the I. L. D. and she asked me to tell you she would come to New York to tell you so herself if you want."

The tieup between Leibowitz and the police officials was further obvious in the fact that although Mother Wright was not allowed to visit the boys in prison on her way to New York, Leibowitz is permitted to do so by the prison officials in the hope that he may yet be able to swing them over to letting him handle the case, and betray it.

Expell Tsukamoto, Japanese Spy From Communist Party

After investigating the situation in our Japanese language work in Los Angeles, we have come to the following decisions:



TSUKAMOTO (supposed real name TETSUKA), originally from Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, a graduate of a commercial school, stands expelled from the Communist Party. He is a spy, an agent working for the Japanese government inside the Japanese group of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in order to give systematic reports about the activity of the Japanese in America to the Japanese government.

The Japanese government, systematic organization of factional activity and dissension to hamper the work of the Japanese Communists in the United States, and further, in order to denounce to the Japanese authorities, sympathizers and Communists working in Japan. The investigation of the District Committee has with doubt established that he is working closely with the agents of the Japanese consulate on the West Coast.

Comrade N. is removed from all functions because of increased factional activity and irresponsibility, and will be warned that any attempt to further carry on these unprincipled activities will be answered by immediate expulsion from the Party. Comrade N. was apparently an instrument of the conscious anti-Party activities of Tsukamoto.

Comrade T. (who formerly lived with Tsukamoto) is also removed from all functions because of sabotaging and hampering the work of the Party, making false statements, and is warned that the slightest attempt to maintain his present attitude will be answered with expulsion from the Party.

DISTRICT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE #13.

Approved by District Bureau.

Cost of Living Rises 17 Per Cent In Year

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—It costs a worker one-sixth more now to buy the necessities of life here than it did a year ago. This is revealed in a survey published by the Southern California Business Review, published by the bureau of business research at the University of Southern California.

The most pronounced increase in food prices took place during the first week in November, when a general price rise was instituted.

At the present time there is about a 5 per cent increase in the cost of meat over a year ago, although in some markets the beef cuts have increased 10 to 15 per cent. Dairy products have risen by a greater percentage than any other type of food, having increased about 33 per cent in the past year. The group of dairy products includes canned milk and packed cheese as well as fresh milk, eggs, etc. Staple groceries have risen almost as much.

Compton Workers Force SERA Office To Hand Out Check

COMPTON, Calif., Nov. 26.—On one of the county gardens in Compton, the workers got tired of the boss telling them not to bunch up, and that they could not leave the garden to get their checks, so they formed a committee of ten and went to the Lynwood SERA office and forced them to give out the checks.

Then they sent a committee out and got a hall and formed committees in South Gate, called a meeting of Epic workers and Utopians. Over 40 were present and are forming a permanent organization to hold open forums and learn what is wrong in this country and how to remedy it.

Party.

The case of Tsukamoto shows that the Party, especially its Japanese group, must be very watchful against all provocative work which the enemies of the revolutionaries, the American and Japanese governments, try systematically to plant in our organizations. This kind of agent can, among other things, be easily recognized because they try systematically putting forward petty disrupting questions, so-called politically camouflaged issues in order to prevent serious self-criticism and serious improvement of the revolutionary work, stirring up factional situations on all possible issues, destroying Party discipline, spreading slander against other comrades and leaders, trying to destroy the prestige of the Party.

It is obvious that all, and especially Japanese, comrades must sever all direct or indirect connections with this provocateur at once and unite as one iron fist under the leadership of the Party for the fulfillment of the tremendous tasks which are before the whole Party, and before the Japanese comrades particularly.

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Foreign News Briefs

Candidate For President Defends Bank Wrecker

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 28.—John W. Davis, attorney for the J. P. Morgan interests and Democratic candidate for President of the United States in 1924, appeared before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court here to make a plea for Isidore Kresel, convicted of "misapplication of \$2,000,000 of the funds of the Bank of the United States." This bank, with deposits of \$360,000,000, failed, causing thousands of workers to lose their life savings as a result of embezzlement and gross mismanagement.

Threaten to Bar Jews From Jury

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 26.—At the trial of sixteen anti-fascist students and workers jailed for taking part in a demonstration protesting the presence of the Nazi warship Karlsruhe, an attempt is being made to bar all Jews from the jury. This manifestation of race prejudice and anti-Semitism, if continued, will leave the Jews in the position they occupy in Nazi Germany.

25,000 Dye Strikers In Parade

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 24.—The dye workers paraded, 25,000 strong, through the streets of Paterson yesterday in a militant display of solidarity as the strike continued with no signs of weakening on the part of the workers. The first break in the ranks of the employers came when the William Wilhelm Co. of Passaic capitulated to the closed shop and signed an agreement. Other employers are weakening, and present opposition comes only from the large firms directly controlled by Wall Street bankers.

Silver Shirt Head Faces Trial

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 28.—William Dudley Pelley, racketeer head of the Silver Shirts of America, is on trial in the Buncombe County Superior Court on a charge of violating the state's laws regulating the sale of stocks. The charges grow out of the sale of stock in the Galahad Press, which went bankrupt after publishing a newspaper for the Silver Shirts, Pelley's fascist graft scheme.

Pittsburgh Jobless In Mass Demonstrations

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 27.—Mass demonstrations were staged here before all relief agencies by a united front of unemployed and relief workers in an effort to force the authorities to deal with emergency cases of unemployed families. Police attempting to break up the demonstrations arrested eighteen, who were later released when delegations of workers appeared in court protesting the arrests.

Violations of Minimum Wage Laws

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 28.—Violations of minimum wage laws in Cleveland have been so frequent and flagrant that authorities have at last been forced to prosecute some of the offenders. Fifteen laundries have been charged with paying less than the 27 cents an hour minimum wage prescribed by law. Although this law has been in effect for over a year, the bosses pleaded that they had never heard of it.

COMPANY LOCKS OUT L. A. STRIKERS AS OFFICIALS STALL; MILITANTS PICKET

(Continued from Page 1.)

tant demonstrations and acts are taking place in all parts of the city. The lockout announced by the railway has merely redoubled the workers' determination to win the strike.

The Communist Party in Los Angeles is doing everything possible to aid the strikers. Leaflets urging the rank and file to take control of the strike from their faking leaders are being distributed in front of the Labor Temple at strike mass meetings. The leaflets expose the fakers, whose efforts to sell out the strike through negotiations have resulted in nothing but an announcement of a lockout by the company officials. Mass picketing,

spreading of the strike to the P. E. men, and the assistance of all other labor organizations will win the strike, the leaflet points out. The Workers' International Relief has offered its services to wards feeding strikers while on picket duty.

* "Red Scare" Raised.

In an effort to split the men, Capt. Hynes of the Red Squad has tried to inject the red scare into the strike, declaring that he has unearthed a secret red plot, giving directions to Communists on how to tie up the street cars.

Militant strikers, ignoring the advice of their leaders, have tied up traffic in many parts of the city until tear gas used on pedestrians, passengers and strikers has cleared the way. Following a daily strike meeting at the Labor Temple, at which the workers have been exhorted "not to get into trouble," strikers lined both sides of Seventh St. for several blocks. They rushed a car, tore the trolley pole free and removed the valves from the air brakes. After one hundred police reserves arrived, the valves were replaced, but by that time the operation had been repeated at another place.

On Sunday more than a score of street car passengers were sent to the hospital when a car driven by a frightened scab motorman crashed head-on into another stalled car.

* Traffic Tied Up.

Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. traffic was tied up on at least half of the downtown streets and street cars were at a standstill. At 3:15, rush hour deadline, sixty strikers converged on a yellow car on Seventh St. near Wall and tipped it inward and off the track, blocking traffic both ways.

Several other cars have been tipped over, two in front of the main car barn on Central Ave. between Sixth and Seventh, barring rush hour cars from leaving the barns. One hundred strikers and sympathizers turned over a yellow car at Vermont Ave. and Pico St. during the peak afternoon rush and tied up all transportation for two hours in that district, including buses.

Another street car, a No. 7, was dumped over at 23rd and Main Sts. by a crew of strikers. More than 2,500 workers gathered and when the police reserves came they booed the cops.

Police, trying to move back the crowds, were stopped by solid lines of workers who refused to move an inch.

"Why don't you try tear gas again," sneered one worker, at a cop faintly trying to shove back the crowd.

Eight men have been arrested on charges ranging from disturbing the peace to malicious mischief. They demanded jury trials and will defend themselves against the charges in municipal court on Dec. 26.

The eight are John C. Phillips, 1331 Albany St.; Charles L. Roth, 1330 S. Union Ave.; Avarett C. Ritter, 332 W. 12th St.; Joseph W. Courtwright, 673 Eastmont St.; Lee R. Wood, 1203 E. 7th St.; Fred Mason, 5309 S. Arlington Ave.; J. A. Burt, 1024 S. Gage St., and John S. Strickland, 228 S. Bond St.

With no gold reserve, with little credit abroad, the cost of the war which Hitler sees as the only means for saving himself from the rising discontent within Germany, must be gotten out of the bodies of the workers and peasants. How this is being done will be shown in this section next week.

World Events and Western Workers

By Emmett Kirby

France, Britain Use German War Scare To Smash Through Huge War Budgets — German Plane Budget Jumps Five-fold In Two Years — Hitler, Facing Worst Crisis of Career, Tries New Demagoguery

Hardly a day passes now that some news correspondent or capitalist states government official does not burst into print with spectacular disclosures that Germany is rearming.

The alarms have two points. First, of course, is the undeniable fact that Hitler, to save capitalism, has no other way out. But second, is the use to which these alarms are put. France, with Leon Archimbaud popping off in the Chamber of Deputies last weekend, was able to use this to pass a war budget exceeding \$750,000,000 through a scared Chamber. And now Stanley Baldwin in London's House of Commons is raising the scare. "Germany has now a fleet of more than 1,000 planes. Therefore do not oppose," he begs, "the intercession of Britain to at once increase its air forces by twenty-five new squadrons—some three hundred more planes."

These are, of course, only a small piece. More will follow. "For," he continues, "there is no need for panic. The British government will under no circumstances accept a position of inferiority to any force raised by Germany in the future." And just to clinch the matter and give the already sore pressed capitalists something to further disturb their sleepless nights, he pictures for them an air raid, with a casualty list (says he) of 40,000 while other millions flee London. "We must decide now," he concluded, "to maintain at all costs in the next ten years an air force substantially stronger than that of Germany."

* No Conferences On Air Forces.

Incidentally, and as a comment on modern warfare, in the background of these events, the naval disarmament conference is going on its usual futile way. Japan, demanding expansion and parity with the United States, maneuvers with Britain. All phlegm, all try to hold down the other and gain the advantage themselves. But when it comes to airplanes, which are real weap-

ons of attack, striking at the industrial centers far from the seacoast, there are no conferences. They do not discuss this matter—all build to the limit.

None propose putting it to discussion of limitations.

For, says Baldwin, "the only real immunity is the ability to destroy the enemy by the air—before he destroys you. Factories, arsenals, storage tanks, navy yards—these can not be moved from spot to spot, though France is already decentralizing its great munitions industry and moving factories from one central spot to many widely separated parts of the country."

* German Increases.

Germany's airplane industry budget reflects clearly that nothing else the rapid increase of war preparations.

The 1932-33 budget was 43,200,000 reichmarks.

The 1933-34 budget was 78,000,000 reichmarks.

And this year, already, it is 210,000,000 reichmarks.

Before it was postponed so as not to embarrass too many senators running for reelection with its disclosures and implications of bribery, the United States Senate munitions inquiry showed that Nazi Germany was one of the most fruitful markets for aircraft. "Strength through joy" and starvation was okay for the workers if they could be made to swallow it—but there was cash for the planes.

In April 1934 the United Aircraft Corporation alone had six agents in Germany and its plane exports to Hitler and Goering rose from \$6,000 in 1932 to one and a half million dollars (\$1,445,000 plus \$10,000 royalties) for only the first eight months of 1934. This represents but one company. An inkling of how the

capitalist world is arming, and the terrific profits made in preparing mass murder for money, is seen in the fact that an investment of \$100 in Pratt and Whitney, a United Aircraft Corporation subsidiary, made in 1924,

yielded in 1932 \$1,143,725 in cash and stock dividends—a profit in eight years of 1,143,250 per cent.

Germany is supplied largely from the outside despite the Versailles Treaty. And the armaments business is "Cash on de-

livery, please." To put it through Germany now is begging to be allowed to pay off some of her other debts in export of goods.

* Hitler's Worst Crisis.

That Hitler is facing the worst crisis of his career this winter is increasingly evident in every move he makes. The falling off of exports and of imports (save war materials only) due to inability to pay, grows worse week by week. And now his situation is made even more precarious with the renewed and intensified worldwide boycott on German goods. This is being rallied by the new anti-Nazi International Council.

The army and the German police are operating under emergency orders. Special two weeks intensive drills and maneuvers have been ordered for the Schutz Staffel (picked Nazi troops) previous to the Saar plebiscite in January. All Christmas furloughs have been cancelled for both the Reichwehr and the military police. Rumors of a ripening split between the army and the Schutz Staffel are held responsible, while other reports tell that another "purge" such as Hitler's bloody putting down of the opposition sentiment within the Nazi ranks last June 30, will soon be loosed.

Fearful of provoking a war on the Saar question, efforts are now being made to negotiate the purchase of this territory. It has become extremely doubtful if the plebiscite could be put over successfully even with the most intensive propaganda campaign and coercion, and the anti-fascist demonstrations of Saar and French workers, and the campaign being rallied by the Communist Party inside Germany against this seizure, are growing to such strength as to make Hitler pause. He needs the coal and iron of the Saar to wage war and his gold reserves are so low as to be

"Strength Through Joy"



Nazi Troopers "showing the way" in the gigantic forced labor scheme which Hitler calls a "real Socialism."

Transients Resist Slave Racket of L. A. Power Bureau



By MICHAEL QUIN

When New York financiers offered "Old Gimlet Eye" Butler \$3,000,000 to march an army of 500,000 gangsters onto the White House lawn and seize the government, they were not planning revolution by "force and violence."

When Mussolini came bellowing into Rome at the head of his Black Shirt fascists, not a soldier was ordered out to meet him. The government was handed over to him as peacefully as Mayor Rossi hands the big cardboard key to the city to a visiting movie actress.

When Hitler's Brown Army seized the government in Germany, the troops were all playing cards in their barracks. President ("Iron Man") Von Hindenburg had been in council with him for weeks before, plotting the last details of the "seizure."

Seizing the government in a fascist revolution is as harmless as changing the guard in front of Buckingham Palace.

The question is, where do these fascist armies march?

They march into the working class neighborhoods and smash the unions. They slug, beat, jail and murder working class organizers. They drag liberal teachers out of their schoolrooms and throw them into concentration camps. Authors who have written truthful books about the capitalist crisis are seized and imprisoned. Liberals, Socialists and reformers are clamped down on as well as the Communist Party which actually leads the struggles of the working class.

Had General Smedley Butler accepted Wall Street's offer, he would not have marched into Washington on the following day. He would have been given financial backing and plenty of time to build up his fascist organization.

The offer itself means that the Capitalists who put Roosevelt in the White House realize that he is losing his grip, that his fake recovery measures and strenuous war preparations are beginning to exasperate the American workers and that a mighty protest movement is developing which at present can find leadership only from the Communist Party.

Butler's job would have been to pretend to lead this protest. They called him into conference in the same manner that Democratic party leaders called Sinclair into conference before he wrote "I, the Governor." Sinclair was more easily persuaded and was very effective in temporarily leading working class protest up a blind alley.

Wall Street would have provided Butler with expert advertising on shirts, boots, belts and for his "storm troopers," machine guns, saps, automatic rifles and hand grenades—all to be used against the working class. Butler would have been lowered from balconies, shed crocodile tears over American traditions, made vows to end the depression, give every man a job—he would have promised them anything and everything that might sound good to them. Then, if enough of the could be fooled into putting on his shirt, he would have marched them against organized labor.

It's a neat trick but can be stepped on. With the example of Italy and Germany as a warning, the American workers can kick fascism back into its hole the minute it shows its head.

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CCC Worker Is Fired In Fight For Good Food

COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP WELDS ORGANIZED FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—Traveling home the other night I picked up a CCC boy hiking to Los Angeles for the Armistice Day holiday. For two hours off and on, he told me about the conditions in the CCC camp at Pinacles National Monument.

"When I first went to this camp," he told me, "the kitchen was in debt, having run over its allowance. At the end of several months, the kitchen not only was out of debt, but was making money. The allowance was 34 cents a day so you can see, to make money, the food must have had to be pretty bad."

"Eggs are either bad or water glassed and most of the fellows can't eat them. For lunch we get two sandwiches, mostly bread, and for supper, beans with some occasional green vegetables."

"On this food we are expected to work, building trails and roads, carrying boxes of powder, running drills, all in rough, steep country. All of us are young, inexperienced kids, doing work that grown men should do."

"When we got up a petition about the food, most of the fellows signed. A few of the older men who were getting bonuses tried to stop us and refused to sign. We made a mistake by letting one fellow present the petition alone. The officer lined up all the fellows in camp and said, 'If you don't like this food, you can all hit the road.' The fellow who presented the petition was fired."

"Several of the boys have gone to the hospital and have come back with fingers missing or muscles bandaged. We are too young and not used to the work. We are toughened up so we can carry on with the regulars in case of another war but I don't see fighting for a country that treats us this way."

Worker Gets Relief When Union Fights

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.—A worker who has been wandering around looking for Roosevelt's "prosperity" and almost starved to death doing so, met some members of Relief Workers Protective Union No. 1 and told them his story.

It was Sunday and nothing could be done. This worker and his family had been to the county and the Travelers Aid and had been disillusioned and turned away.

On Monday, however, the R.W.P.U. organized a small committee and took the case to the S.E.R.A. office at about 11 in the morning. By two o'clock they had a home and by four o'clock they had a grocery, if order check and rent coming in a day or so.

A Firestone Unemployed Worker.

Oakland Workers Wait Hours For S.E.R.A. Relief

OAKLAND, Nov. 27.—I wish to advise the Western Worker there is something rotten going on in Oakland S.E.R.A. I want to know why the Board of Health doesn't step in on this case. On November 22 I received a card to report for a work order on the next day. I was there at 1 P. M. and found a jam of men crushed in like cattle around two small windows and a door. I poked my card in the window and stayed in the jam all afternoon listening for my name.

At 4:30 P. M. my name was called. I got my work card and was to be used against the working class. Butler would have been lowered from balconies, shed crocodile tears over American traditions, made vows to end the depression, give every man a job—he would have promised them anything and everything that might sound good to them. Then, if enough of the could be fooled into putting on his shirt, he would have marched them against organized labor.

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POWER COMPANY GIVES MILLIONS FOR BALLYHOO

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—It was revealed here this week that private utilities (read monopolists) spend from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 annually in monster advertising campaigns designed to fool the workers and to turn them against the government TVA power projects.

The Federal Trade Commission, responsible for the report, declared the "campaign" is designed to "perpetuate private utilities at the expense of the public."

The power monopolies will continue to spend their millions of dollars in an endeavor to keep their grasp upon the immense profits which they reap by charging exorbitant prices for power, light, and other workers and farmers' necessities. The Federal Trade Commission to "recommend drastic legislation" against this sort of thing will have no effect as long as the government and the power companies remain, hand in hand, the exploiters of workers.

AAA Kills Cattle, Leaves Bubonic Infected Rodents Live

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The contradictions of capitalism have become so far reaching and complicated that even the lonely coyote, the humble ground squirrel and the little flea have become involved.

At the convention of the California Wool Growers' Association in the Palace Hotel last week, the vice-president, Douglas Prior launched an attack on the University of California's propaganda for the preservation of wild life, particularly coyotes. While the convention cheered, Prior promised that if this propaganda did not cease, the sheep men would poison all the wild life in the state.

There is more to it than meets the naked eye. First, conservation schemes are an especial pet for Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, and the government aids and encourages them. Second, the AAA as everybody knows has slaughtered half the life stock in the country. Third, coyotes eat more ground squirrels and other rodents than sheep, and today California is the world focus of bubonic plague, infected rodents having been found in 12 counties. Therefore say the conservationists, protect the coyote and save the country from an epidemic, which is sure to break out if plague infected fleas start biting the rats in the cities. Of course it would never occur to the government to allot large funds for rodent control. It is too busy spending millions on the slaughter of sheep.

The meeting ended with a frantic attack by the national president on the dangerous spread of Communism as shown by the recent elections. Small and by four o'clock they had a home and by four o'clock they had a grocery, if order check and rent coming in a day or so.

Can Co-ops Save The Farmers?

By L. B. McBRIDE

Is there a well filled milk bottle or only a hard rubber ring attached to the "co-operative" nipple now being so fictitiously extended to the farmer by government and other agents? Is there real nourishment for the farmer in this co-operative program, or is it only a pacifier?

After an experience of ten years as a member of two of the most successful farm co-operatives in the United States, I'm beginning to wonder.

Until very recently the farmer has had to fight for the right to sell his own product or to buy his supplies co-operatively. The mortality among such business enterprises has been high due in no small measure to the determined opposition of organized middlemen and retailers, not to mention an occasional monkey-wrench slyly tossed into the gear by some of the boys who get out votes.

Respectable Now

Now, however, all is changed. The farm co-operative has become respectable. Practically everyone is willing to deal with it, not excepting the politicians at Washington. Propaganda is appearing everywhere, in farm papers and in co-op bulletins, to the effect that only at the end of the rainbow of co-operation lies the pot of gold for all us benighted, bedraggled and benighted farmers. At the same time it appears that anyone that offers criticism as to the conduct of his particular co-op is bad. He is worse. He is even a very terrible boring at the foundations of the noble institutions that support him.

So, at the risk of being declared the world's meanest man, I hereby arise to look this new gift horse in the mouth. What

Mojave Forced Labor Camps The New American Slavery

Transient Workers Paid \$5.00 Per Month; Others Get \$5.00 a Day For Same Work

Longshore Board Delays Count On Seamen's Ballots

LONGSHORE BOARD ... SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—After weeks of delay and stalling, the National Longshoremen's Board decided to do something about the Seamen's vote. So on Wednesday they started, but instead of counting the votes they are checking the names against the Steamship Companies' payrolls which will take another two or three weeks.

After that they will open the ballots and start to count them. In the meantime, this maneuver gives the Steamship Company a chance to blacklist any worker who voted for any union instead of a company union.

Another danger in these moves is that this method of counting the votes by company leaves the way open for the establishment of company unions.

Firemen's Aid Asked To Break Car Strike

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—The police commission today asked the fire commission to make city firemen available to Chief of Police Davis for riot duty. This, it was said, will mean the turning of fire hoses on street car strikers, if the fire commission approves the request at its meeting tomorrow.

Edison Inst. Fights TVA For Right To Exploit Workers

Who will have the right to shut off electric power or charge exorbitant rates to the workers and farmers is the issue now coming to a head between the administration and the Edison Electric Institute.

Representing 80 per cent of the nation's electric power interests—the Edison Electric Institute has announced its intention to fight in the courts against the TVA and other federal projects and through legal spokesmen such as Newton D. Baker and James Beck have characterized federal power developments as "palpably unconstitutional."

Charges and counter charges are being leveled against the government power program and the private power interests, private interests accusing the government of forcing sales of utility properties and government interests accusing the power companies of profiteering.

The struggle is to determine who has the right to exploit the workers: the private capitalists or the capitalist government. Only when the workers' and farmers' government exists, as in the Soviet Union, does government control of public utilities guarantee that these utilities are run in the interests of the workers.

The Western Worker is publishing the following article by a farmer on Farm Co-operatives without having edited it, with the hope that it will stimulate discussion among farmers, not only as to the role of co-operatives, but of their problems generally. Farmers are urged to write us their views on this and other problems. We shall be glad to publish them in this section.

I want to know is this: are these fresh efforts to boost farm co-operative stock primarily designed to the better to help or the better to hinder the farmer?

Let us consider first what a farm co-op really is and how it helps its members.

Business Organization
As we know it here the farm co-operative is almost purely a business organization rather than a social institution as, for example, were the various guilds of the middle ages. To form a co-op a group of farmers combines with a small amount of subscribed capital to set up a buying or a selling unit to meet their particular requirements. A place of business is acquired, a board of directors elected and a manager employed to conduct the business. If the cost of merchandising can be cut below that of the usual trade channels the new co-op is a success; if not, it fails. It therefore helps the farmer by the amount it saves him in handling his particular product.

The larger organizations, such as the Prune and Apricot Growers, the Citrus Association or Poultry Producers also attempt to regulate or control markets and regulate production. Efforts in this direction, and they have been considerable, have met with indifferent success.

Now as to the interest in the co-op of government and other allied powers.

Must Be Given Symbol

In the first place, government

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—

Transient workers by the score are hitting the highways for Los Angeles from the Mojave forced labor camps of the Los Angeles Bureau of Power & Light.

Work is extremely hazardous, yet the workers get only the usual transient camp \$5.00 monthly and then only provided they stay out the month.

One worker yesterday told Western Worker that many of them are leaving the camps after only four or five days' stay, due to the intolerable conditions. This same worker declared that regular city water department employees doing essentially the same work are getting \$5.00 daily, as contrasted with the transient workers' \$5.00 monthly and "found."

"Why should we be forced, because of our helplessness, to perform the same identical labor as that done by regular city employees, for only \$5.00 monthly?" asked this worker. "It seems to me that if officials really were interested in eliminating unemployment and raising the standard of living for workers that they would employ ALL workers at this rate."

This worker stated that Mexican and Negro transient camp workers are segregated from white workers and every effort is made to keep the workers from organizing and getting together.

"Shut Up Or Get Out."

The principal job at which the transient camp workers are put is cleaning out the aqueducts and creosoting them inside. This is dangerous and brings on festering sores from creosote burns. When workers protest, the bosses tell them to "shut up or hit the road."

"The camps are particularly ill-equipped, even for transient camps," said this worker, "and food is terrible."

"It's hazardous work," said C. A. Billig, director of the service. "The men have to wear gas masks on account of the paint fumes and are lowered into the line through manholes."

The transient camp worker interviewed, however, declared that no gas masks were supplied the workers and, apparently most of them do not know that such negligence will result in lead poisoning for all those in the pipelines. Billig, however, does know it, hence his declaration that gas masks are provided.

"Before the men go out on the job they sign agreements that they understand they are virtually receiving only maintenance interest on the water department, not wages or contract pay. The government maintains the men and the water department supplies the tools, equipment, camps and supervision," explained Billig.

What he didn't explain was that the men are not informed of the nature of the job or the actual hazards to life and health, before shipping out on the job.

"The turnover," Billig admitted, "is pretty rapid, much more rapid than in some of our other camps. Altogether, we have 235 men working for the department."

Until this year, according to H. A. Van Norman, chief engineer of the water department, men were paid \$4.00 daily, common labor pay, for such work. Thus, the department is saving at least \$20,000 monthly on the basis of the present crew of 235 men.

The difference is—guessed at—many gross income for the year out of which must come taxes, maintenance of buildings and equipment, transportation costs and finally, living expenses for a family of five.

If all this can't possibly be done on \$500 and I turn in desperation to some form of direct action, to whom shall I protest? I appeal to the manager of my selling co-op for more money for my eggs; he assures me his sympathy but points out truthfully that he cannot control the "market," which is such and so at this particular time.

Can Do Nothing

If I go to the manager of my buying co-op and demand cheaper feed he also is sorry, but he can do nothing about it—which also is true. In case I decide to write a letter to my board of directors, and if I happen to be myself one of those directors, I shall have

Give Them Help!

They gave their freedom. Give them your support.



The Annual Xmas Drive of the International Labor Defense is now on. Sixty-two long-term class war prisoners are serving time for their part in fighting for better conditions for you. Donations to this fund will help to make their lives less dreary by providing tobacco, magazines and other articles. Their families on the outside need help.

Make Xmas useful by donating to them. Send contributions to the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market St., Room 410, San Francisco, or to 127 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.

3000 Students Crowd Into Small School In Alhambra

ALHAMBRA, Calif., Nov. 27.—The presence at all hours of the day of students on the steps of the high school is causing George Bettinger, superintendent of schools, considerable embarrassment.

Strangers, Bettinger feels, may get the idea that students are loafing during school hours. He defended the condition on the plea that the school is overcrowded; that it was built to house 2,000 and that 3,000 are enrolled. Staggered classes have resulted, so that many students find themselves out on the steps a good part of every school day.

Repeated bond issues to build new schools have been defeated by big business interests that refuse to carry an additional burden.

Unemployed Union In Oakland Started

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 27.—Oakland S.E.R.A. unemployed workers are urged to join the local Public Works and Unemployed Union and strengthen the fight to better their conditions. Meetings are held every Monday night, 8 p.m., at the Seventh St. Mission, 7th and Willow Sts.

working for the department." Until this year, according to H. A. Van Norman, chief engineer of the water department, men were paid \$4.00 daily, common labor pay, for such work. Thus, the department is saving at least \$20,000 monthly on the basis of the present crew of 235 men.

The pleasure of listening to my own complaint. In effect, it appears that I can kick my own shins by way of emotional relief, if any.

As to the feature of control from the top this might at first appear difficult rather than easy, due to the democratic form which the co-op assumes. In theory, the membership elects the directors but the board of directors. The tail wags the dog. The resultant unity of command is probably necessary to the successful control of any business at the present time. However, we might quit joking about it and dispense with the directors. They cost us something to maintain, too.

Naturally Conservative
Now I do not wish to imply that the average farm co-operative manager is a deepdyed villain ready and willing to deliver us body and soul over to the predatory interests. If he was not born that way he soon falls into conservative channels of thought and action after a few years on a salary of \$10,000 and up. He naturally sees eye to eye and stands shoulder to shoulder with large business and financial interests in any clash between labor and capital—between the people and their rulers. He is the man who will be expected by the government to keep the farmer simmering somewhere below the boiling point. It is safe to predict that he will succeed in this role unless the members of his organization see fit themselves to take over the social or political direction of their own inherent powers.

A suggestion as to how these farmer organizations might increase their own service to themselves will appear in the next issue of the Western Worker.

Il Duce Mobilizes Children For War

ROME, Nov. 29.—Extending his war preparations almost to the cradle, Mussolini has mobilized a million and a half small boys between six and eight years old into a military unit known as the "Sons of the Wolf."

Equipped now with small wooden guns, they will shoulder real guns when they graduate into the next division which consists of boys from 8 to 14, and is known as the "Fascist Balilla."

The Duce makes no effort to disguise his training of killers as "body building," "wood craft" or "athletics." By an elaborate system of social persecution for "non-patriotism" against parents who fail to enlist their children in his armies, a veritable draft is enforced for all boys.

Chaco War Continues While League Stalls

GENEVA, Nov. 29.—The League of Nations continues its efforts to hide its complete failure to accomplish a single one of the purposes for which it was formed, by the constant shuffling, signing and bantering of wordy documents.

The latest is the sending of messages to Paraguay and Bolivia requesting them to cease fighting in the Gran-Chaco War. This is announced as a great stride toward peace, despite the fact that a dozen identical messages have already been despatched to no avail. Brazil and the U.S.A. have also been requested to use their "good offices" to end the conflict.

The facts that the Gran-Chaco war is in reality a struggle between British and American capitalist interests for "top dog" exploitation privileges, is carefully ignored by the League.

MOVIE REVIEWS

"CHELYUSKIN"

A film of the famous recent Otto Schmidt Soviet Arctic Expedition on the ship "Chelyuskin" will be shown for the first time in San Francisco on Thursday, Dec. 6, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The rescue, last April, of the 104 men and women of the "Chelyuskin" from a drifting ice-ice, by airplanes flying uncharted routes, won the interest and admiration of the world. Two Americans, William Avery and Clyde Armstrong, were highly rewarded by the Soviet Government for their help.

The object of the "Chelyuskin" expedition was to open up an all-year trade route from the Soviet northern seaports, such as Leningrad, Archangel and Murmansk, by way of the Arctic Ocean and the Siberian rivers into the interior; and also to Vladivostok and the Pacific ports of America. The establishment of this route will have a profound effect not only upon the development of Siberia, but of the whole Soviet Union.

The country is rich in timber, furs and minerals.

"Chelyuskin" was crushed by the ice and sank, after having been in sight of the Pacific, within fifteen miles of her goal of open water. The film of the expedition comprises a complete record of the historic event.

There will be two performances, at 7:30 and 9:30, on this one evening. The film is presented by the American Russian Institute by courtesy of the Consulate General of the U.S.S.R. in San Francisco. Howell Williams of the geology department of the University of California will give an introductory talk on Soviet Arctic exploration.

Drive Against Reds

BUCHAREST, Nov. 26.—Launching a reign of terror in Rumania, all Communist organizations were ordered dissolved and their property was confiscated by military authorities. The flimsy excuse given for these actions was that it was a "preventive" measure in view of the reported attempt of Communists to seize oil fields.

"The Strange Case Of Tom Mooney"

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ALL SUPPLEMENTARY AID BEING REFUSED IN S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—The S.E.R.A. bureaucrats long ago discovered that if they issued statements that make very little sense, they can always discover a meaning which will justify a still further lowering of the living standards of the unemployed. Mr. Runo E. Arne, "assistant administrator of field service," issued a statement today which amounts to a complete refusal of supplementary relief to S.E.R.A. workers.

"When an individual has been assigned to work relief," he says, "this should not be supplemented by direct relief except in the rarest of instances."

No worker needs to be told that these "instances" are likely to be rare unless through organization the workers do something about it.

Many workers are now getting medical and other aid, not included in their budgets. As it is, this aid is all too little, and we must demand that it be increased. The monstrous gall of the threat to cut it off must be answered with new struggles for increased budgets and more extra aid.

Also, says Runo, "The direct relief budget shall be 15 per cent less than the work relief budget." It is just possible to keep alive on the present budgets. Persuade the unemployed to slowly starve out 15 per cent less, is what the statement means.

The statement further threatens the return of the old grocery box system, and shifts responsibility for "indigents and unemployables" back to the counties.

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Los Angeles

YOUNG WORKER SUPPLEMENT

Editorial Column

Car Strikers, Halt The Sell Out!

For almost a week now you striking workers of the Los Angeles Railway Company have put up a determined struggle for a decent wage and better working conditions. In spite of the combined strikebreaking efforts of city, union and company officials and the daily press, you have realized in action that the correct way to win the strike is by militancy.

Unfortunately for the chances of winning the strike, the majority of you are still tied to the tails of the union officials, who are acting in such a way as to help the company and city administration break the strike.

AN IMMEDIATE, SHARP AND DECISIVE BREAK WITH THESE OFFICIALS AND THEIR STRIKEBREAKING POLICIES IS NECESSARY IF THIS STRIKE IS TO BE WON! RANK AND FILE LEADERSHIP MUST BE ACHIEVED AT ONCE!

Streetcar workers! Before your strike is completely sold out, look back and convince yourselves that every step taken by your union officials has been calculated to lessen your chance of winning!

Although the word "strike" has been on the lips of your officials for weeks, the actual calling of the strike was done with only a few hours' notice to the men, and with no actual preparations. Those preliminary steps without which no strike can be successfully waged were not taken by your officials!

Your officials well knew that steps must be taken to pull non-union members out on strike, in order to have a fighting chance. What did they do along this line? Exactly nothing!

Your officials well knew that in the conduct of a strike there must be close control of the picketing, so that scabs will be stopped. Did they issue picket cards? Not one! Was any action taken by them to guarantee that pickets would surround the car barns in such a manner that scabs would find it impossible to get in, or once in, to haul cars out? Not at all! What is the result? Picketing is inadequate. Cars are being run out of barns manned by scabs. **YOUR STRIKE IS BEING CRIPPLED!**

Have adequate arrangements been made for strike relief? To the contrary, offers to help organize such relief have been turned down!

And what about the support that your officials boasted is coming from the Central Trades and Labor Council and from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on the Pacific Electric Railway? Buzzell of the Labor Council has done absolutely nothing to help the strike except murmur devout words of support in a high-sounding resolution! The fakers in control of the B. R. T. are showing their "solidarity" by keeping the P. E. workers from going out on strike pending the arrival of National Mediation Board (read sell-out) representatives.

On the other hand, Buzzell and the other fakers in control of the Central Trades and Labor Council, working hand in glove with the sell-out agents at the head of the B. R. T. and your own union officials, **ARE BLOCKING EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE POSSIBLE REAL SUPPORT FROM THE REST OF ORGANIZED LABOR. THEY ARE USING EVERY TRICK AT THEIR COMMAND TO BLOCK THAT SUPPORT, FROM RAISING THE OLD "RED SCARE" TO APPEALING TO YOU TO BEHAVE LIKE "GENTLEMEN"!**

The Los Angeles Street Railway Company, the Chamber of Commerce and His Honor Mayor Shaw would do nothing better than for you to act like "gentlemen"—to be courteous enough to let scabs pilot cars in and out of the barns!

One concrete example alone of how your officials are helping break the strike should be enough to show you that if this strike is to be won, rank and file workers must take the leadership and kick the fakers out!

On the very day you were locked out—the day when the company said it would not take you back on the job pending negotiations—where was Mr. B. P. O'Brien, international vice-president of the union? On the picket line? Not at all! On that critical day, when it was necessary to mobilize every ounce of fighting energy in the union to hurl back into the faces of the company officials the challenge they arrogantly threw at us, the gentlemanly Mr. O'Brien left for San Francisco!

Mr. O'Brien was spending valuable time hobnobbing with the Honorable Mayor Shaw—the open tool of the traction interests—while the company was organizing scabbing on a large scale! And you, honest union men, were standing around not knowing what to do, waiting in vain for guidance from your "leadership"!

Streetcar workers! No strike was ever won around a conference table! If you permit the cars to run on schedule your strike is lost! **STOP THE CARS!**

It took a long time to organize this strike, badly as it is organized due to the sell-out policy of the O'Brien. Now that you are out, you must stay out to win! In order to guarantee the winning of this strike, the following steps should be taken immediately:

1. Send a large rank and file committee to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and urge them to come out on strike. The strike must be spread to make it effective.
2. Invite the support of all sincere working class organizations to weld your strike into a solid working class fighting front against the company, Chamber of Commerce, and the city government. Don't let your officials split your ranks by raising a "red scare"!
3. Avoid arbitration, mediation, and other "fair-sounding" methods which spell **SELL-OUT** as you would a plague. **YOUR ONLY STRENGTH LIES IN YOUR ABILITY TO FIGHT!**
4. Elect a rank and file strike committee to take the leadership out of the hands of your union officials, whose record in the immediate past proves them to be fakers.
5. Launch a campaign of **MASS PICKETING TO STOP THE CARS FROM RUNNING!** Every man should be issued a picket card! Every man on the picket line!

Streetcar workers! The eyes of organized labor all over the state are on you! Your victory is their victory! Kick the fakers overboard! On to a militant strike which will wrest higher wages and better working conditions from the profit-fattened company officials!

Gold Stars . . And Bread

Mayor Rossi of San Francisco comes out of the East with a Plan!

According to statistics, one man out of every eight is unemployed. If every employer hires one worker for every eight he has—presto!—unemployment vanishes. And how are the employers going to be convinced to hire these workers? That's easy, too. First a big ballyhoo campaign will be started, with all the usual fanfare of "patriotism." Employers will be told they owe it to their country and conscience to "hire one for eight." And every "public benefactor" who nobly responds will be awarded a flag with one gold star on it for every worker so hired.

Stripped of all its window-dressing, this plan stands revealed as an old scare-crow—the vicious stagger system. It is merely a revival, in new trappings, of the "spread-the-misery" idea.

Every time a worker is hired above the minimum number required by an employer to turn out commodities for which he has a market, the employer loses the amount of that worker's wages from his profit. And employers are still in business to make as much profit as they can browbeat out of the working class. Ask any employer.

The only result of compliance with this "new plan" will be to stagger the work—which means **WAGE CUTS FOR THE WORKERS.**

Why is this scheme being sprung on a nation-wide scale at this time? Because the Rossis and Hoans hope that the dazzle of gold stars will blind the unemployed to the necessity of organizing to win relief—not at the expense of their fellow-workers but at the expense of the employers and their government!

The representatives of the employers in governmental executive offices, from President to Mayor, are especially anxious to lull workers to sleep at this time because of the preparations being made all over the country for the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance, to be held in Washington, D. C., January 5, 6 and 7.

At this Congress a fighting program will be hammered out to force the passage of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill (H.R. 7568), already endorsed by thousands of working class organizations, including 2,500 A. F. of L. locals.

All working class organizations! All unemployed workers! Answer this latest "toy balloon" sent up by the bosses by electing delegates to the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance! **ORGANIZED STRUGGLE ALONE CAN WIN REAL RELIEF AND A MEASURE OF SECURITY—NOT HITTING YOUR WAGON TO A GOLD STAR!**

"Smash the Criminal Syndicalism Frame-Ups!"



THE FATAL KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

By AGNES SMEDLEY

The Revolution knocked on the doors of the counter-revolution. The city of Kiang was but a small White island in a sea of the Soviets. To the south, the city of Kanchow, like Kiang, was also White, but only because it lay on a great river, its massive walls defended by gunboats and artillery. To the far north of the Province, Nanchang lay protected by foreign and Kuomintang gunboats. Like Kiang and Kanchow, its streets teemed with refugee landlords, usurers, opium-dealers and gentlemen of elegant leisure. The Kuomintang flag flew over them. Together with Kuomintang officers they bent over long manifestos addressed to "the people of China," manifestos that tearfully recorded the damage of the Reds. Their statistics were staggering:

"The Reds have slaughtered five million peasants in Kiangsi and destroyed a hundred million dollars worth of property!"

Day by day their manifestos and telegrams appeared, crying a cry that will go down in history for its clear class-consciousness:

"If the Reds are not wiped out, we, the respectable people of Kiangsi and of all China will become refugees, like the White Guard Russians!"

From the Soviet regions where the Red Army had trained and reorganized, small units of Partisan troops had been sent far and wide into Kuomintang territory to rally the peasants around them, to drive out the gentlemen of leisure who spoke of themselves as respectable.

In these Partisan fighters went in units of fifty to two hundred, and some were small Red armies in the making. One such large unit was the "iron thousand" commanded by "Comrade Black Face," whose real name was Kung Hsueh-chung.

From the ranks of the Red Army "Comrade Black Face" had drawn a thousand men of iron, the strongest, the fastest, the most and fastest runners, men free of all diseases or sickness, men who had passed through the Red Army Training School and political classes, men who could endure prolonged hunger and still fight on. This was the "Iron Thousand."

At their head marched "Comrade Black Face"—Kung Hsueh-chung, long, lanky, swarthy-skinned. An intellectual, he had been baptised in the fires of the Canton Commune, and had later commanded a regiment of the Eighth Red Army at Hupeh. For three years he had fought from the border regions of Hupeh, Hunan and Kiangsi Provinces, firing on the imperialist gunboats along the Yangtze, driving foreign missionaries and rich Chinese from the mountain summer resorts. A fierce fellow and a Communist, now in the spring of 1931 he selected from the Red Army and led the "Iron Thousand" to the borders of Kiangsi and Hunan province and began Partisan warfare that was later to swell his ranks into the Sixteenth Red Army of China.

All Kiangsi was now seething with Partisan warfare. In the south the Soviets stood as firm as the cliffs that guarded them. Over the border in Fukien Province to the east they had never been overthrown. And in the White cities on the borders the vast armies of the Kuomintang generals massed, prepared to march in a war of invasion on the masses who kept reaching out, conquering.

Down in the depths of the Soviet regions the Red Army and Partisan bands prepared to meet the new White invasion. For months its men had trained and reorganized, had spent their leisure hours cultivating the land and sowing the rice seed with the peasants. From Chintang the

main body of them had marched to the Red stronghold of Tungku and, while they waited, planning their strategy that would defeat the invasion, planned an extension of the Soviet regions beyond.

The Red Army men marched in "shock brigades" to the fields and, side by side with the peasants, transplanted the tender rice shoots.

Chu Teh, commander-in-chief, was one of a shock brigade of planters. His brigade had challenged other brigades to establish a record. The challenge had been taken up and brigades stood ready, just as other units stood guarding the passes of Tungku.

Then May First came, with

SHORT STORY

CONTEST

Because of the tremendous interest in the victory of the Chinese Red Army we are printing Agnes Smedley's story. But owing to its length, we are unable to print contest stories in the two issues in which it will appear. After the next issue we will continue printing one contest story in every issue until

March 18th, the anniversary of the Paris Commune, when the prizes will be awarded. Meanwhile, we need more stories to make the contest a success.

great celebrations in the Soviet regions. Delegates from local Soviets throughout the Soviet regions came to Tungku to review the Red Army. Peasants and workers, they stood with the General Staff on the broad steps of a temple along the eastern slope of Tungku basin and watched their Army march by, singing, shouting their greetings to them. How like a uniformed Army they had become! Most of them were now clad in jackets and trousers of overall blue, spun and woven in the regions! And a red star on their caps! The First Unit, with its Fifth, Eighth and Twentieth Armies passed, Comrade Peng Teh-hwei the commander. The two new 34th and 56th divisions of peasant volunteers, as yet unarmed, marched by, shouting. The Engineering Corps of engineers, the railway workers, the other technical units, even from the radio and field-telephone units, proudly passed to hail the workers and peasants from far regions. Then came the Women's Volunteer Corps, commanded by Kang, wife of Chu Teh, singing as they marched. Five hundred strong, courageous women, rifles over their shoulders!

A whole galaxy of Red Commanders had appeared in these years. Many had come from other provinces for the Red Army reorganization in the months before. There by Chu Teh on the reviewing stand stood Kwang Chirsun, whose name was afterwards to appear a thousand times as commander of the Fourth Red Army Corps in Hupeh and Szechuen Provinces. In the ranks the Red Commanders marched—miners, seamen, factory workers, agricultural laborers, peasants, intellectuals.

They passed, near to a hundred thousand men and women with half as many rifles. Then followed the masses of the region, the big celebrations that followed, speakers recalled the men fighting with the masses in other parts of central China. On this day of the international proletariat, these fighters beyond could not celebrate, as did the masses in Tungku. But in their hearts they celebrated. In the Kuomintang cities the masses of

the Chinese people could not celebrate either, but in their closed meetings, and in the hearts of all of them were memories of this day. Those who did not know would be reminded, for men and women would dare come on the streets and shout that this was May First, when the proletariat of the world gathered to test their strength and plan for future victory.

In the great meetings that turned the basin of Tungku into a mass of red banners there came a long period of silence when hundreds of thousands of men, women and children stood with bowed heads in memory of the million revolutionary fighters who had fallen in every part of China in the past four years of struggle; and in memory of the tens of thousands sitting in Kuomintang prisons, forever in chains. Then speakers told of the new Kuomintang-imperialist armies massing on all the Soviet frontiers.

"With enemy guns we will arm ourselves," they said. "With captured enemy artillery we will defend the Soviets! We will destroy them with their own weapons, and if they will only keep up the war against us long enough, we will build up an army of a million workers and peasants! We will strip them of their last rifle, their last bullet."

A roar went up that set the tall pines quivering and singing as if from a great breeze. The days thereafter passed, and on other revolutionary anniversaries there were also short meetings while the Red Army and the masses labored together in the fields or workshops, building up their new economic life.

Then the second threatened invasion of the Kuomintang armies began. To the north, and to the west, the enemy began the cautious occupation of Soviet towns and villages. From the south four strong divisions made an attack on the Red city of Hsinkow, bombing it from the air. One of the divisions belonged to the 19th Route Army.

The Red Army waited, allowing the Whites to come deep into Soviet territory. The masses of the population fled from Hsinkow to the villages in the hills, waiting and its Soviet Government moved to Tungku.

Then sixteen divisions of the White Army surrounded Tungku mountain. To the west stood the two other divisions of the 19th Route Army, to the north five other divisions, and to the east, facing the Nine Level Pass, five others.

The Red Army fortified the southern Shih Yin Pass, leading over the two ranges of mountains toward Hsinkow; it fortified the precipitous western pass, and it fortified the northern pass. It had filled in the old series of zig-zag trenches at the base of the northern pass, saying that in the minds of the people the trenches cut off Tungku from other Soviet regions. The Nine Level Pass to the southeast was left undefended, and but a few Red troops stood guard to give only the pretense of defense.

In Hsinkow and in the villages to the east, north and west, many people still remained quietly, saying they were peasants, coolies, simple merchants, or just ordinary people of the street. Most of the people had run away, they told the invading Kuomintang troops, but they were glad the Whites had come. The Reds had been pretty bad, but still they who remained did not care who ruled so long as they had peace and a chance to make money. So they talked.

"Money is the chief thing," they kept saying. The White soldiers and officers listened and agreed.

But the White officers did not believe some of these villagers around Hsinkow, for there was a cunning look about them, and they came and went from the city to goodness knew where. They were always searched at the gates. Then the cabbages in their baskets were cut open, and in some of the cabbages were concealed papers! It did not take more than five minutes to finish off such peasants. For the papers showed that the Communist Party in full force still existed right in Hsinkow, and knew everything the Whites were doing.

But all the peasants and coolies could not be shot, and many of them seemed ignorant and stupid. They went about selling fruit and eggs to the soldiers, squatting with them and gambling. The peasants put up eggs, the soldiers coppers.

The soldiers and peasants gambled and the peasants had loose, gossiping tongues. They gabbled about the Communists, about the Soviets, about the Red Army that had no fear of death. The tales they told of the ferocity of the Red Army made the hearts of the White soldiers stand still. The soldiers began to see ghosts in every shadow and even the officers began to fear to step out without a heavy bodyguard that shielded them on all sides.

Most of the villages, to the east, facing the Nine Level Pass, were evacuated, but here also peasants with fruit and eggs and vegetables in baskets swinging from bamboo poles over their shoulders came trotting along the paths, hawking their wares.

Nice fresh eggs! Nice fresh fruit! Good green vegetables! They bawled at the top of their voices, some of them striking little brass gongs they carried with them. And before long they were also squatting down, gambling with the soldiers, gossiping about the Soviets, about how much land each peasant and each soldier in the Red Army got.

Did you see the black boards on each plot of ground as you marched in?" they asked the soldiers. "That means each peasant or each soldier had been given to that land—perhaps it's a bad thing, for we are used to paying rent to the landlords, and it doesn't seem natural to look at all your rice at harvest time and know it belongs to you! If the land produces five piculs to the man we now give but one to the Soviets. That is only one-fifth of the crop, and we are used to giving the landlords one-half or two-thirds. If we produce only three piculs to the man, we pay nothing. Most of us had no land at all, but now we all have land. It doesn't seem right! But still people say they will die for the Soviets and the Red Army."

"All soldiers in the Red Army get land!" the White soldiers asked.

"Sure!" the peasants answered, shaking their heads doubtfully and looking at the mountains. "It doesn't seem right, but it's so! The Reds say if a man fights for the Revolution he's right to land."

They kept on shaking their heads from side to side as if the whole thing was wrong, then they turned to gambling again, betting their eggs or fruit against coppers.

Some of the peasants wandered in amongst the officers hawking their eggs. Yes, they said, the Reds had a few troops up Nine Level Pass, but not many, and the pass was not fortified. They wanted to escape by it when the Whites conquered the Tungku basin. No, there was not so very many Red troops in Tungku—two or three divisions, they had heard. Most of them had fled like tail-less dogs when the Government army came marching in. Cowards, all of them! Well, yes, they could act as guides for the

Seamen's Institute Chest Funds Used to Pay Officials Fat Salaries

"Institute Hated By Sailors From Coast to Coast, and With Good Reason."

By a Seaman Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Nobody makes so much noise about feeling sorry for the poor as the millionaires. At this time of the year they send their decorated wives scurrying around to panhandle the workers to contribute to the Community Chest.

You'd think the men who could afford to spend a cool million to break a workers' strike wouldn't have to humiliate off their employees in order to pose as benefactors. You'd think a city that can afford thousands of dollars for tear gas should be able to look after its destitute.

And if these wealthy parasites feel so sorry for the unemployed, why don't they hire them and give them jobs? They're responsible for having driven them down into the gutter in the first place.

* Pay Fat Salaries.

It would be bad enough if the Chest was only a scheme to make the working class pay the expense of its own persecution. But to make it worse, the money they filch never reaches the men who need it.

The Seamen's Church Institute gets \$19,275 as its share of what the Chest collects. About three-fourths of this amount goes to pay the fat salaries of officials. The rest is used to spread religious and patriotic propaganda among the seamen.

There are twelve people on the Institute payroll including a special policeman and a preacher.

I am a seaman myself and have been on the beach plenty of times, so I know just what this outfit means. In order to get in on what little aid they do dispense you have to have everything but a letter from the Pope. They specialize in pampering the shipowners' pets, and the Institute is always on hand to bounce anybody who kicks about the graft.

* Reading Material.

One of their functions is to supply reading material to the seamen. Sometimes they come aboard ships with bundles of "Come to Jesus" propaganda that the men pitch over the side as soon as the ship sails. Sailors from coast to coast hate the guts of the Institute and with good reason. It is run by a pack of grafters who use the misery of the seafaring man as a means of collecting charity funds to feed their own purses.

Out at the Marine Hospital they run a joint called the "hut" which is supposed to provide recreation to sick sailors. Aside from a litter of ancient magazines and a place to sit down, it consists of a series of concessions where men can buy air-cuits, shaves, toilet articles and a lot of other commodities for the same prices they would pay down town. If a seaman hasn't any money he might just as well stay away.

If you want to know the truth about any of the ninety-five rackets that get a cut in the Community Chest, ask the men who are supposed to get the benefits. Don't ask the snobs who reap a lot of self-glorification out of the Chest drive.

Editor, Western Worker:

Will you answer the following two questions, for the benefit of a small group of East Bay workers. If possible, answer in the Western Worker.

1. What is capital?
2. Would capital exist under complete Communism?

Yours comradely,

W. E. M.

W.E.M.: Karl Marx took three large volumes to explain capital, yet he nowhere defines it in hard and fast terms. Capital can be described as money value which fattens, by expansion, on the exploitation of the working class. The process which it goes through (known as capitalism) is briefly this:

A certain quantity of value, in the form of money, is invested and changed into means of production and labor power. In these changed forms, the capital-value enters the labor process.

In other words, labor-power is expended upon the means of production, with the result that the two original forms of capital become transformed into new commodities. These commodities are sold on the open market by the capitalists and turned into money. The original capital-value, in money form, now returned in money form, is found to have expanded; it is more value. The expansion of its bulk, it can be easily seen, is based directly upon the exploitation of the working class, which gives the commodity the added value.

In a Communist classless society, with the means of production the property of a producing people and without the exploitation of wage labor, capital will have no place.—(L.R.)

San Francisco, Nov. 26.

Editor, Western Worker:

The appearance of an "Open Forum" is something I, personally, am very happy to see. There are questions I wish you would answer for the time being.

In Lenin's "Left Wing Communism" (Chapter 9), he advises the British Communists to unite with Henderson and Snowden to defeat Lloyd George and Churchill, for the purpose of convincing the masses through their own experience of the utter worthlessness of the Hendersons and Snowdens. Did we not in the last elections have a similar situation with regard to Sinclair? Should not the proper Communist tactics have been to unite with him to defeat Merriam, and then, in office, he could have been proven to be an ineffectual opportunist?

2. Lenin also in the same book emphasizes the necessity of working in groups where the largest number of workers are. If this is correct, what is the point of having a Marine Workers' Industrial Union, for example? One of my friends went so far as to say the I. L. A. was much more powerful in the strike because there was no "pure" side union, and therefore all the militant workers were in the one group.—R.T.

R.T.: In arriving at the correct policy to be carried out one must first correctly evaluate all forces within a given country at a given time, as Lenin strongly emphasizes. The situation in England at the time Lenin urged the Communists to offer to enter into a bloc (not just "unite") with Henderson and Snowden to defeat Lloyd George and Churchill, was totally different from that which existed in the recent state elections in California.

First, you will recall, there was no Communist Party existing in England at the time. There were four groups (the British S. P.,

Kuomintang troops, but they didn't want to, for who wants to be shot? They were poor peasants with families in distant villages, and they wanted to make money and earn a living. Well, yes, they MIGHT act as guides for a good sum of money, though they would rather have more—considering the danger they were running!

So they drove hard bargains with the Whites. They were poor with the Whites. But they led them into the Nine Level Pass. (Concluded next issue.)

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The belief is common among Mexican workers here that the government is helping the peasant farmers by giving them land, seed, tools, etc., on easy terms. Please give us the correct situation.

Comradely yours,

ANNA B.

An article analyzing the present situation in Mexico is being prepared now, and should appear in an early issue of the Western Worker.—(L.R.)

Bakery Men Won't Ride Scab Trolleys

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—Two hundred workers in the Continental Baking Company plant on San Fernando Road will be brought to work by private busses and trucks from tomorrow on for the duration of the street car and bus drivers' strike. This concession was made by the Continental management, following refusal of one shift of workers, 50 in number, to report for work again if they had to ride scab cars to get to work. The bakers are members of Locals #10 and #21.

which is supposed to provide recreation to sick sailors. Aside from a litter of ancient magazines and a place to sit down, it consists of a series of concessions where men can buy air-cuits, shaves, toilet articles and a lot of other commodities for the same prices they would pay down town. If a seaman hasn't any money he might just as well stay away.

If you want to know the truth about any of the ninety-five rackets that get a cut in the Community Chest, ask the men who are supposed to get the benefits. Don't ask the snobs who reap a lot of self-glorification out of the Chest drive.

THE WORKERS OPEN FORUM

the S. L. P., the Workers' Social Federation and the South Wales Socialists), leaders of which were considering the formation of a Communist Party. These leaders were split on the issue of participation in bourgeois parliaments.

Lenin, after pointing out the necessity of participating in such parliaments, proposed the following: first that the four groups unite to form a Communist Party, with affiliation to the C. I.; second, that the Communist Party then offer this "election understanding" to Henderson and Snowden; to take a special poll of the workers, and then to divide the seats in Parliament according to the number of votes cast for the Labor Party or the Communist Party; THE COMMUNISTS TO RETAIN THE FULLEST FREEDOM OF AGITATION, PROPAGANDA AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY. This latter, of course, meant freedom to criticize the program of the Labor Party and its candidates.

Lenin pointed out that the value in this offer lay in the chance the Communists get, as a new party, to bring their propaganda before the masses. As Lenin said, whether this offer of a bloc were rejected or accepted, the Communists would be the masses for its rejection would expose to the masses the fact that Henderson prefers capitalist support. This clearly was no offer of political "unity" that Lenin proposed.

In California the Communist Party program has been brought before the masses for years through their own propaganda, but by our leadership in struggles. We are not a newly-formed party. Here, also, the Communist Party was able to nominate its own state and local tickets, and was under no "leftist" illusions as to participation in bourgeois parliaments. We fought the parliamentary field again Merriam, the arch-reactionary, as Lenin urged the British Communists to fight against the reactionary combination of Lloyd George and Churchill.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE ATTACKED AND CRITICIZED THE SINCLAIR PLATFORM. JUST AS LENIN DECLARED THE BRITISH COMMUNISTS MUST EXPOSE THE PLATFORM OF HENDERSON AND SNOWDEN.

Without this freedom to criticize, Lenin said, it would have been treason to the working class. Just as our uniting with Sinclair would have been treason to the workers of California.

Lenin warned against the building of the Labor Party, and stressed the necessity of building a strong Communist Party to fight and expose the parties of social reformism.

Don't forget that the workers in California have an established, fighting Communist Party, which knows how to make use of bourgeois parliaments, and which is winning tremendous prestige. Our "uniting" with Sinclair would have served to further confuse the workers. Sinclair himself acknowledged how sharp the issues are by his bitter attack against the Communists.

We are leaving your second question unanswered, since we hope some of the workers who read your letter will write and answer it, thus opening a trade union discussion.—(L.R.)

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